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RURAL DISTRICT OF MARKET HARBOROUGH



A N N U A L R E P O R T - of -

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1963

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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 45,679

Rateable value at 1st. April, 1963 .....£83,331

Sum represented by a penny rate £324.10.5

No. of occupied houses 3,216

No. of houses owned by the Council 664

Population (mid 1963) 9,310

BIRTHS

Live Births: Legitimate

Male 91

Female ..60

Total ..151

Illegitimate

Male 3

Female ...2

Total 5

Total live births

Male 94

Female ..62

Total ..156

STILLBIRTHS

Male 3

Female ...1

Total 4

Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population 16.2

DEATHS

Deaths: All causes

Male 81

Female 61

Total 142

Deaths from puerperal causes: Nil

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

Male 5

Female 1

Total 6

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age:

Male 4

Female 1

Total 5

Deathrate per 1,000 estimated population 15.2

CAUSES OF DEATH

Registrar General's Classification	1963		
	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	8	-	8
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Malignant neoplasm, lymphatic and other	10	5	15
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	-	2
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	10	9	19
18 Coronary disease, angina	11	5	16
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	4	6
20. Other heart disease	13	21	34
21. Other circulatory disease	3	-	3
22. Influenza	1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	5	-	5
24. Bronchitis	4	1	5
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	2	1	3
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of the prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	2	-	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	11	14
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34. All other accidents	1	-	1
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes	81	61	142

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION

Normal progress was made in immunisation against diphtheria. 76 children received primary immunisation, and 50 children received booster injections.

BCG vaccination of children in their fourteenth year was continued with its now customary acceptance.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths recorded as due to this disease.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

The cases known to be living in the district at the close of the year are as follows: -

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	15	23	38
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6	5	11
Totals	21	28	49

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified: -

Measles 22

Puerperal pyrexia 1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

No action was necessary under these Acts during 1963.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. W. Turner, Chief Public Health Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

WATER SUPPLY

Main water supplies from the Leicester Corporation, Market Harborough U.D.C., and the Mid Northants. Water Board remain consistently good. Welham remains the only parish without a piped supply.

3,000 dwelling houses have an internal supply, serving a population of 9,068. 182 houses have external standpipes, whilst 115 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 230 to some risk.

Samples of mains water were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The district is served by 18 privies, 112 pail closets and 3,700 water closets, the latter discharging into some 22 publicly owned sewage works. In addition there are 245 cesspools.

The free cesspool emptying service was continued.

The control of works by systematic analyses of effluents was continued and 53 samples of effluent were examined. The quality of effluents, with a few exceptions, conforms to requirements.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Husbands Bosworth, Hallaton and Kibworth.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Complaints received during the year	155
Premises concerned	148
Total visits of inspection	3,925

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TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE:

	Inspections
Animal keeping	52
Bakehouses	4
Dairies	2
Drainage Works	1,002
Dwelling houses	1,935
Food premises	17
Rodent control	101
Refuse collection and disposal....	110
Schools	11
Shops	321
Slaughterhouse and meat inspection	188
Caravans	50
Verminous premises....	1
Water supplies	32
Work places	18
Other inspections	80
Smoke control	2

NOTICES SERVED DURING YEAR:

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st January, 1963	10	1
Issued during year	55	48
Complied with during year	63	48
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st. Dec., 1963	2	1

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Treatment of sewers and tips was carried out by a contractor assisted by Council workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors. 27 infestations were dealt with.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

No cases of infestation were reported.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1951

Three further Licences were issued. Informal action was taken to abate nuisances arising from defective drainage and misuse of refuse disposal facilities.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951, and
RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises affected by the operation of these acts.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

No defects were found during the year.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Informal action was taken to abate a nuisance arising from two factory chimneys. Immediate control of smoke emission was effected.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Four complaints were received during the year. Investigations were carried out over a period of time in three cases, and satisfactory results obtained. The fourth case related to traffic noise associated with motorway contractors.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Factories concerned in the operation of these acts	71
Other premises....	20
Inspections made..	228
Contraventions found....	Nil
Number of outworkers....	82

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Premises inspected	97
Visits made for this purpose..	338
Informal Notices served.	12
Informal Notices complied with	11
Informal Notices outstanding on 31st December, 1963..	1

ICE CREAM

41 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. The pre-packed variety is the only product sold. No sampling was carried out.

MILK: DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS

	Distributors
Number on Register	12
Inspections made	2

MILK SAMPLING

Routine samples of milk were taken by the County Public Health Inspector, and were satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the area.

Animals slaughtered during 1963	1,520
Animals examined at time of slaughter	1,520
Inspections of meat shops	33
Inspections of places where food other than meat is sold	305

The results of examinations are shown in the following table: -

	Pigs	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs
Number killed (if known)	96	372	1	Nil	1,051
Number inspected	96	372	1	Nil	1,051
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	5	1	-	1
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	-	1.3	100	-	0.09
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

No cases of cysticercosis were found.

H O U S I N G

1. New Houses

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	162
Applications received during the year	77
Programme of new council houses:	
Erected during the year	4
Under construction at end of year	4
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	59
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	87
Total number of post-war houses completed by	
a) Local Authority	454
b) Private enterprise	246

2. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year

a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects	140
Number of inspections made for the purpose	423
b) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	8

3. Repairs

Houses rendered fit after informal action	32

4. Housing Act, 1957

	No. of Houses	Persons displaced
Houses closed in pursuance of an Undertaking	2	7
Houses demolished	7	Nil

5. Housing Act, 1949

Applications for improvement grants are accepted and dealt with on merit.

9 applications were received in 1963. 8 of these were approved at 50% of the approved cost of works. One application was refused.

6. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

30 owner/occupiers applied for Standard Grants. A further 6 owners of rented property were similarly accommodated. 26 of the affected properties were improved during the year.